GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL POLICY ON FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any National Policy on Flood Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the measures adopted to save the lives and properties continuously being affected by the floods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) Flood Management being a State subject, the schemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities out of their State plan funds which are made available to them through Planning Commission Safety measures in the form of construction of embankments, anti erosion works, raised platforms are being constructed by the state Governments to protect the lives and properties of the people residing near the river banks against the floods.

Besides, Central Water Commission is responsible for issuing flood forecasts at 173 stations on the major rivers in the country as a result of which the people in the flood prone areas are evacuated during the floods and shifted to safer places.